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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Re: **SPECIAL NOTICE OF LIABILITY**  
Sauget Area 2 Site  
Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has undertaken response actions at the Sauget Area 2 Site (the Site, see map appended to Attachment D) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Public Law 99-499 (CERCLA). These actions, which include extensive sampling in and around the Site and the consolidation and capping of wastes found at Sauget Area 2 Site Q, have documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Site. A document referencing the sampling activities and studies which have taken place in Sauget Area 2 Site is referenced in Attachment A. Specific findings from certain of these studies concerning the Site are presented in the proposed Administrative Order on Consent appended hereto as Attachment D.

**Additional Response Actions**

Unless U.S. EPA determines that a potentially responsible party (PRP) will voluntarily undertake the response action necessary at the Site, U.S. EPA may, under Section 104 of CERCLA, undertake the response action itself and, under Section 107 of CERCLA, seek reimbursement from PRPs of all costs incurred in connection with the action taken. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, response and enforcement activities. Moreover, under Section 106 of CERCLA, U.S. EPA may order responsible parties to implement relief actions deemed necessary by U.S. EPA to protect the public health, welfare or environment from an